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SUBJ: U.S. POSITION ON CAPE VERDES AND GUINEA-BUSSAI

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1. IN CALL ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SA CARNEIRO JUNE 6, HE INDICATED THAT HIS AND FOREIGN MINISTER'S DESIRE FOR USG COMMENT ON INFO RELAYED REFTEL WAS RATHER MORE SPECIFICALLY DESIRED THAN WAS INDICATED IN LAST CONVERSATION. HE SAID THAT IT WAS IN FACT MOST IMPORTANT FOR GOP TO KNOW THE DEGREE OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE U.S. ASCRIBES TO CAPE VERDES AND ALSO DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO HOLDING OF REFERENDUM IN GUINEA-BISSAU OR GRANT OF INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT SUCH REFERENDUM. HE STRESSED THAT GOP NEEDS KNOW U.S. POSITION URGENTLY IN VIEW RECONVENING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAIGC ON JUNE 8.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. VIEW ON THESE MATTERS MAY BE CRUCIAL TO RESOLUTION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS WITHIN GOP OVER NEGOTIATING POSITION THEY WILL USE IN TALKS WITH PAIGC, AND/OR THAT U.S. VIEWS MAY AFFECT THE TENACITY WITH WHICH GOP ADHERES TO EARLIER POSITIONS. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY. OUR OWN FEELING ON REFERENDUM ISSUE IS THAT IF THERE IS NO REFERENDUM IN GUINEA-BISSAU IT MIGHT COMPLICATE PRESUMED GOP DETERMINATION INSIST ON REFERENDUM IN MOZAMBIQUE AND EVEN ANGOLA, BUT THAT GOP, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING LUSAKA MEETING, PRESUMABLY IN MUCH BETTER POSITION THAN WE TO JUDGE DEGREE TO WHICH GUINEA-BISSAU WILL BE USED AS PRECEDENT BY OTHER LIBERATION GROUPS. IF USG FEELS THAT CAPE VERDES ARE INDEED OF SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE (PRESUMABLY FOR PEACETIME OCEAN SURVEILLANCE AND POSSIBLE WORLD WAR TWO-TYPE CONTINGENCIES), THIS IS OBVIOUSLY THE TIME TO SO INFORM THE PORTUGUESE. IF CONTRARY IS TRUE, GOP SHOULD BE ADVISED SINCE THIS WOULD PUT THEM IN MORE FLEXIBLE NEGOTIATING POSITION.

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